

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 of the specification as follows:

As shown in Fig. 2, balloon 16 has a pair of expandable or inflatable end members 26 and 28 and a plurality of expandable or inflatable spacer rods 30 connecting the end members to one another. Spacer rods 30 connect the end members 26 and 28 to one another so that the end members and the spacer rods are parts of the same unitary balloon structure 16 and so that the end members communicate with one another via the spacer member. In the inflated or expanded configuration of balloon 16, rods 30 push end members 26 and 28 away from one another, thus generating a retractor action tending to longitudinally spread tissues of the inner wall of colon CLN. In addition, end members 26 and 28 are expanded in a transverse direction so as to come into a frictional or clamping contact with the inner surface of the colon CLN.